has been entrusted to MCD. It may take at least two years for completion after the work is started by them.

(ii) The underground water is brackish. There is shortage of drinking water on account of which further development of the area has been held up.

(iii) The outfall of storm water drains is to be connected with the supplementary drain which is still under construction by Flood Control Department (Delhi Adminisration).

(iv) Electricity is yet to be provided by DESU.

1199. [*Transferred to the 11th May, 1988*].

Expansion of AIR and Doordarshan

1200. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether All India Radio and Doordarshan are planning to embark on a big expansion and modernisation programme during 1988-89; and

(b) if so, in what way this programme is likely to benefit the State of Madhya Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir. A large number of AIR and Doordarshan projects included in the VII Plan for implementation in the State of Madhya Pradesh are expected to be completed during the current financial year, i.e., 1988-89.

(b) *ALL INDIA RADIO*

The 7th Five Year Plan of AIR includes schemes for setting up 10 new radio stations in the State of Madhya Pradesh. Besides, upgradation of power of the 1 KW MW transmitter and 10 KW SW transmitter at Bhopal to 10 KW. MW and 50 KW SW respectively, upgradation of power of 20 KW MW transmitter at Jabalpur to 200 KW and replacement of 1 KW MW transmitters at Bhopal and Indore by 3 KW FM transmitters has also been proposed during the seventh plan period. Out of the 10 new radio stations, 8 stations are envisaged to be ready for commissioning during 1988-89. Upgradation of transmitter power at Jabalpur and replacement of transmitters at Indore and Bhopal are also envisaged to be completed during 1988-89. With the commissioning of these schemes radio coverage in Madhya Pradesh is expected to improve by 95 per cent by area and 98 per cent by population by the end of 1988-89.

DOORDARSHAN

Establishment of a full-fledged TV Studio Centre at Bhopal, provision of programme generation facility at Raipur, setting up of high power 10 KW TV transmitters at Jabalpur, Gwalior and 1 KW transmitter at Jagdalpur, replacement of the existing 1 KW TV transmitter at Raipur by a 10 KW TV transmitter and installation of 15 additional low power (100 watt) TV transmitters in Madhya Pradesh are under implementation as part of the Seventh Plan. Besides provision of the Programme Generation Facility at Raipur, eight low power TV transmitters are envisage to be commissioned into service during 1988-89.

Welfare Schemes for tribals in Madhya Pradesh

1201. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that from time to time, a large number of schemes have been formulated and implemented for the economic development and also for the removal of the exploitation of the tribals of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what is the approximate number of tribals who have benefited therefrom and/or what percentage amongst them have risen above the poverty line; and